

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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FROM THE OFFICE

ORA New Zealand Partners in Uganda, Kenya, Myanmar, Bulgaria and Moldova are changing the lives of impoverished children and their communities through child focused projects.

Pictured above are some of the Hope children in Uganda, excited and thankful for the gift of a second hand bike. Previously living on the streets, these children are now living in a safe and loving home, going to school, receiving medical care. They are children who have been given the gift of HOPE. One small example of the impact of the work of ORA New Zealand.

Thanks for being a part of ORA New Zealand's work to promote justice on behalf of the world's poorest children, and their communities, so they can reach their full potential in life.

Chris & Jan Barker

WHO WE ARE

ORA New Zealand is a child focused development and relief organisation serving people in need and seeking justice for the vulnerable.

Our Vision

Every child should grow up in a protected environment and be led into a promising future through a loving upbringing and a good education.

Our Mission

To change the lives of children and their communities who are affected by poverty, disease and exploitation. Through the love and power of God, in cooperation with families and through sustainable projects, we aim to provide children with hope for the future.

Our Values

Who we are and what we are made of as an organisation. We strive to:

- **Hear God**
As Christians we are aware of our responsibility before God and mankind. We are prepared to let go of our own thoughts, ideas and solutions, so that we may hear God and then boldly make decisions.
- **Promote justice**
People do not deserve pity; rather justice. For this reason, we aim to free people from economic, social and religious oppression.
- **Encourage partnership**
We encourage mutual partnership, because we have a deep respect for the uniqueness of others. As we learn from one another we can continue to grow and effect change.
- **Be family**
As the ORA family, we enjoy transparent and authentic relationships. Relationships are more important to us than methods and strategies. The strength to meet our challenges exists in these healthy relationships.
- **Welcome innovation**
We welcome innovation because we want to be reformed on a continual basis. Creativity and new ideas form the bedrock of our continuous renewal and development.

Children in a Project AK-47 school in the Upper Mekong Region of Myanmar



OUR PURPOSE

Changing Lives

The Child at the Centre

Transforming Lives

Social Business

Protecting Lives

Freedom from Slavery

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report that 2015 has been a successful year, both on the home front and overseas. This is due in a large part to the commitment and dedication of our team of volunteers, who in spite of dealing with a number of personal issues, have continued to manage the current needs of ORA and to work on future proofing the organisation.

Special mention must be made of the sterling efforts of a couple of ORA volunteers with their three months in Uganda at the beginning of the year. The results of their work is bearing fruit, with a marked change of atmosphere on the project partner base, including staff interacting well with each other and with the children, plus the children are more open to speak and interact with adults who visit. The regular reporting from this project partner has also improved.

During 2015 ORA New Zealand applied for international donee status, meaning our donors will soon be able to claim a tax rebate for their donations. As Board and management ORA New Zealand has been on a journey to become more effective as a development and humanitarian organisation. This has included applying for membership of the Aotearoa Council for International Development (CID), examining ORA's constitution and also how we work both here and overseas. Becoming compliant with the CID Code of Conduct, has involved making significant changes in some areas and tweaking in others, and is an ongoing process and will take some more time and work to complete.

Thanks to our volunteers for the all work that went into preparing the information that was required by the IRD for the International Donee Status application. When four Board Members met with the IRD senior policy advisor, he especially commended ORA New Zealand management on an extremely well presented application! His questions left us in no doubt he had read through all the material presented to him, it was then over to the government select committee to make the final decision.

It was a privilege for me to accompany Jan Barker on a six week trip to Uganda, Kenya, Bulgaria, Moldova and Austria. I was last in Uganda in 2007. The highlights for me were to see the development on the ORA Uganda site, and seeing the sponsored children (I recognised some of them). Hearing how young men and women who have graduated from the sponsorship program are doing, and how they are now helping their families and communities, was very heart-warming. Meeting the key people on ORA NZ's Ugandan partner teams was also a pleasure. We were greatly encouraged at the response of these leaders when asked where they would like to see their organisations be in 5 years' time.

Meeting the key people in Kenya, Bulgaria, Moldova and Austria has given me a better understanding of the challenges these people face; challenges such as finances, weather, and well-meaning foreigners, to name a few. In spite of these, they diligently work for the best interests of the children and their communities.

On the home front, thank you to our faithful supporters to this ministry, their commitment over many years has given ORA a stable base, which has enabled us to continue the projects with confidence.

Once again my heartfelt thanks to the board, your input and support is valued and appreciated; ORA would not function without this.

Chris Corney

Board Chairman

Uganda, with a graduated Sponsored girl, now an accountant



Kenya, visiting the market garden social business, growing food for an orphanage



Moldova, growing sunflower to sustain social programs in the village



A SNAPSHOT of 2015



Homes of Life – Safe Homes in Uganda, Myanmar and Moldova

Whenever we are confronted with the abysmal world of the extremely poor we find a group of people whose freedom is threatened most: children! Covertly they are trafficked and sold, conscripted as soldiers, trafficked to serve in the sex industry or toil as cheap labour in mines and factories. Through ORA’s Homes of Life campaign we support loving, nurturing homes for street children, child soldiers and children in need.

Child Sponsorship - Uganda

Sponsored children’s guardians gather together at the ORA Uganda base. ORA Uganda staff discuss the sponsorship program and community development, and the guardians share their successes and struggles.

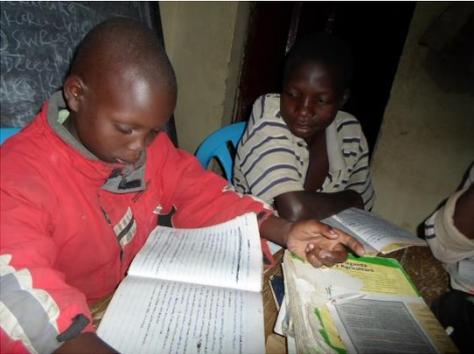


Water Project – West Nile - Uganda

A community group undergoing training to form a water committee for a proposed protected spring. We ensure our project partners involve the community in all activities. Over the years we have especially seen the effect of good community participation versus poor community sensitisation with water projects. When the community is involved from the initial stages they take care of the protected spring.

A graduated sponsored child’s story – Uganda

Robert trained as a nurse, graduating last year. He leads a team of nine at a rural health clinic. When visiting Uganda this year we watched Robert splint a broken arm. When asked what life would be like if he hadn’t been sponsored, he shared about his peers in the village, who are struggling with life, alcohol, drugs and early parenthood. He aspires to be a doctor. Currently he is contributing to the university fees of another ORA graduate who completed nurse training in 2013 and is now studying medicine in Gulu. Robert also contributes in many ways to his family, which has had a big impact on his father, whom we interviewed as well.



Study Hour – Education - Uganda

Education plays a big part in lifting children and communities out of poverty. Electricity to the Hope office in Uganda has extended the time the children can study each evening. ORA Uganda runs extra tuition classes after school for the sponsored primary school children, mainly to help them improve their English. Both programs are seeing children’s grades and pass rates rising.

Water Project – West Nile - Uganda

Clean, safe water is something we take for granted in New Zealand. ORA New Zealand aims to support at least three clean water projects per year. In June this protected spring was handed over to the community who also had a big part in the building of it. Now these kids can drink and wash in clean water.





Market Garden - Social Business – Kenya

William and the team at Chafisi have a vision to educate and empower destitute children and their families. Chafisi is a boarding and day school for orphans at a private nursery/primary school. Most of the children return to extended family and community during school holidays, although some stay with William’s family. Nursery schools and lower primary schools are also run within rural communities. ORA NZ goal is to enable the Chafisi team to attain their goal of self-sustainability. We’ve started by helping them with their vision to attain some fertile land and

grow food for the children.

Hope – West Nile – Uganda

Keeping ex-street children who have been used to a very active life on the streets amused during the holidays can be challenging. One school holiday activity for the children at Hope is tailoring. A couple of extra staff help out during these times and the Hope campus becomes a lively, fun hub of creative sewing.



Child Focused Community Development - West Nile - Uganda

In a rural community development program in Uganda, agricultural projects such as giving fruit tree seedlings and goats to children play a big part. The children are taught how to tend for the fruit trees. When the trees mature the fruit not only feeds the children and their families, excess crop pays for soap, school materials, and even school fees for siblings not sponsored.

Anti-human-trafficking Education – Bulgaria

Prevention is a great tool. ORA NZ supports a project in Bulgaria, educating teens in orphanages, and the women and children of Gypsy communities about the dangers of human trafficking. Our partner is also very active in combined NGO network meetings about human trafficking in Eastern Europe. In October this networking resulted in our partner rescuing a Bulgarian girl who had been trafficked into Germany for prostitution.



Project AK47 - Upper Mekong Region - Myanmar

The difference 10 years can make! And a safe home...

10 years ago Dao was frail, scared and sick from malnutrition. His father died when Dao was young; his mother was unable to care for her family. Dao was a perfect target for predators. Local warlords threatened him with forced conscription. From a poor village with no opportunities for work or education, his future was bleak. Dao was terrified of becoming a child soldier, 'I don't like war. I feel that it is very bad for young children.' If you were to meet Dao today, you would find a strong, passionate young man, full of hopes and dreams. Education, deep love, and a safe place to live have changed Dao's life. He is learning to be a farmer, to provide local children with opportunities unavailable to him.

Child Sponsorship – West Nile – Uganda

A rural child Sponsorship Program is at the core of ORA Uganda's work. Sponsorship meets the educational needs of the vulnerable children by paying their school fees from Nursery School to University. Children's medical care is also covered. The Sponsorship Program is not just about practical support; the family homes and schools are visited regularly, children and their families are counselled, taught about hygiene and relationships. The ORA staff treat these children as their own.

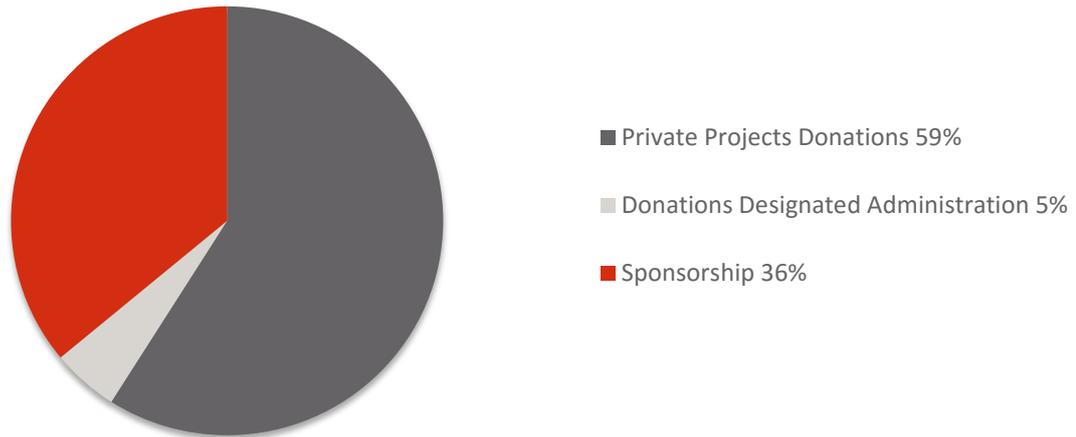


FINANCIAL REVIEW

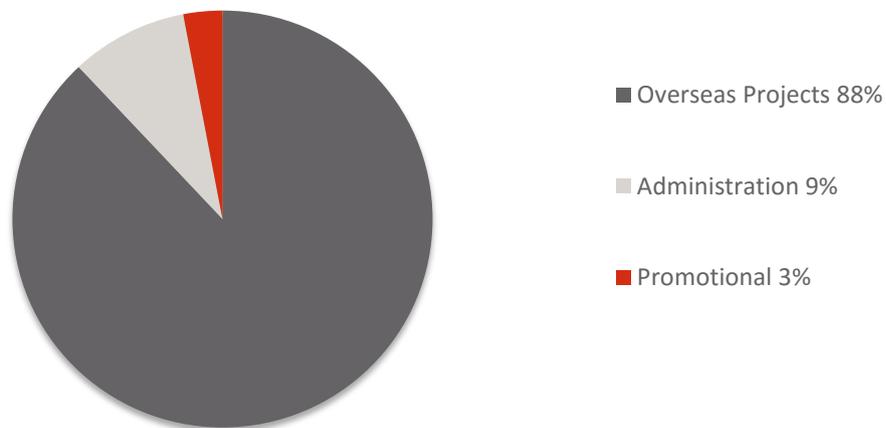
We are pleased to present the ORA New Zealand 2015 financial accounts. We thank our donors and sponsors for their financial contributions throughout 2015, for investing in the lives of the poorest of the poor.

Thank you all for partnering with us as we serve people in need and seek justice for the vulnerable in our aim to change the lives of children and their communities who are affected by poverty, disease and exploitation.

Sources of Income



What was the money spent on?



Breakdown of 2015 Overseas Project Funding;

ORA Uganda Projects	\$60,389	50%
Uganda Hope Foundation Project	\$43,596	36%
Myanmar Child Soldier Rescue	\$1,268	1%
Bulgaria Anti Trafficking Education	\$2,340	2%
Kenya Orphanage Agriculture Project	\$9,259	8%
Water Projects	\$3,936	3%

Income and Expenditure	2015	2014	2013	2012
Income				
Designated International Donations	129,366	150,612	107,032	96,146
Undesignated Donations	5,998	12,487	17,273	21,757
Designated Administration Donations	6,420	1,740	1,660	7,926
Total Income	141,784	164,839	125,965	125,829
Expenditure				
Project	120,787	147,244	128,846	121,311
Promotional	4,105	5,201	2,556	3,834
Administration and Overheads	12,861	8,701	9,295	12,416
Total Expenditure	137,754	161,146	140,697	137,561
Surplus (Deficit) of Income less Expenditure	4,030	3,693	-14,732	-11,732

Movement in Equity and Funds	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Opening Balances	21,012	17,320	32,053	43,786
Increase(Decrease) in Project funds awaiting disbursement	6,363	4,443	-13,997	-13,448
Increase(Decrease) in Administration reserve funds	-2,333	-739	-736	1,715
Total Project and Administration Funds Closing Balance	25,042	21,012	17,320	32,053

Statement of Financial Position	2015	2014	2013	2012
Accumulated Funds	1,799	4,132	4,874	5,610
Designated and Undesignated Project Funds	23,244	16,880	12,446	26,443
Total	25,043	21,012	17,320	32,053
Represented by				
Current Assets	24,756	19,074	15,587	31,177
Less Current Liabilities	789	134	86	767
Nett Current Assets	23,967	18,940	15,501	30,410
Fixed Assets	1,077	2,073	1,818	1,642
Total Assets	25,044	21,013	17,319	32,052

Projects Funds not paid out as at 31 December 2015

ORA Uganda	\$8,632
Uganda Hope Foundation Arua	\$679
Myanmar Project: AK-47	\$2
Moldova	\$752
Bulgaria	\$559
Water Projects	\$7,053
Undesignated	\$696
Homes of Life	\$140
Project Monitoring	\$4,730
	<u>\$23,243</u>

Please note administration costs are higher in 2015 due to consultancy fees and legal fees incurred during application for IRD International Donee Status.

The above summary is extracted from the ORA New Zealand Financial Report for the year ended December 31st 2015, which is available upon request to the ORA New Zealand office.

OUR BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of all the children and communities ORA New Zealand supports in Uganda, Kenya, Moldova, Bulgaria and Myanmar, we would like to thank every single person who has supported us on our mission.

We would like to acknowledge the financial supporters of ORA New Zealand's work and thank also our Prayer Partners for continuing to remember ORA in their prayers.

In 2015 ORA New Zealand volunteers donated over 4,000 hours of their time, and we cannot begin to express just how much of a difference this has made to our work. We are very thankful for the ongoing commitment of our dedicated Board members who give their time and support so willingly.

Finally we would like to thank our international partners, the people who do the real work with the children and communities supported by ORA New Zealand. Thank you for all of your hard work, reporting and support.

Mother to many in an ORA Homes of Life Home



Who needs pen and paper!



A wall around the Hope home in Uganda



Writing a thank you to a donor



Children at a counselling day, on the playground



Staff at a Uganda partner project



Children at a Moldova after school program



Chafisi in Kenya. School's out for the day!



Children in a Project AK-47 home in Myanmar



ACCOUNTABILITY

Orphans Refugees and Aid of New Zealand Charitable Trust (known as ORA New Zealand) is a charitable organisation based in Hamilton, incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and registered under the Charities Act 2005 as Charities Registration No. CC24875. ORA New Zealand is committed to adherence to the CID Code of Conduct, a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice.

Feedback: We appreciate your feedback and ideas on how ORA NZ can improve or modify the way we work. We would like to hear from ORA NZ supporters, donors, partners, government agencies, other NGOs and external bodies. ORA NZ has a complaints policy with procedures that provide a means of dealing with any complaints in a fair, prompt, understanding and confidential manner, including breach of CID Code. Please email your feedback or concerns to info@oranewzealand.org or phone +64 7 8432224 and ask to speak to the Complaints Officer.

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